The Municipality has ultimately agreed to pay 4 per cent interest. In these circumstances, the project should be put in hand early.

Dewan's reply.—The project is under examination by the Chief Engineer and will be soon put in hand.

Subject No. 3.
Chikmagalur Town Police charges.

Summary of discussion.—The Chikmagalur Municipality now bears the cost of the Town Police, and as it is a poor Municipality, Municipal wants remain unprovided for. The Municipality should be relieved of Police charges.

Dewan's reply.—The request is reasonable and a Municipality which is carrying on such important works like those in hand at Chikmagalur and which has had to borrow money for its Public Works is entitled to the concession sought. It will accordingly be at once relieved of Police charges. Adverting to similar applications which have been received from other Municipalities, the Dewan remarked that as a general rule the Government would always be prepared to consider favorably the question of relief from Police charges in the case of such Municipalities at Head-Quarters of Districts as stood in real need of such relief and as were making a good use of the funds already at their disposal. (See also Subject No. 227.)

Subject No. 4.
Consultation with raiyats and Revenue authorities in regard to D. P. W. projects.

Summary of discussion.—Public Works Department projects should not be carried out without previous consultation with the Revenue authorities and with the raiyats affected thereby and unless approved of by them. Without this, there would be waste of expenditure. The Ramanahalli Channel now in progress is an example of error arising from want of such consultation and approval. To have repaired or restored the higher anikat would have been more profitable.

Note.—Representative Mr. H. Krishnappa from Closepet Taluk (Bangalore District) also made a representation to the same effect.

The Chief Engineer, Colonel Bowen, remarked that the upper anikat was an independent work altogether; and that successive Deputy Commissioners had asked for the Ramanahalli Channel, which would irrigate lands to which the Basavanahalli Tank was unable to supply water and would moreover improve generally the water-supply of lands in the Chikmagalur village.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao observed that the Deputy Commissioner did make some inquiries of raiyats concerning the project in question; but the raiyats understood the upper anikat to be meant. This upper anikat would have served the same purpose as the proposed Ramanahalli Channel, but at less cost by taking up less of raiyats' wet land than the latter and without having to be excavated in 3 miles of soft earth.

Dewan's reply.—We accept the general principle which Mr. Srinivasa Rao has suggested. Indeed no estimate for an